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1. Albanian reply to British on Corfu Straits incident--US Embassy London reports that the UK Foreign Office considers a note it has received from Albania regarding the Corfu Channel mining incident as "entirely unsatisfactory." In the note, Albania disclaims all responsibility, rejects the question of compensation and indemnity, suggests that Greece laid the mines, and accuses the British of violating Albanian sovereignty.

EUROPE

2. ITALY: Currency conversion program compromised--US Embassy Rome reports that the Italian currency program has been seriously compromised by the theft of the printing plates for the 500 and 1000 lire notes.

THE AMERICAS

3. BOLIVIA: Constituent Assembly supports Betancourt--US Military Attache Caracas reports that the Venezuelan Constituent Assembly has validated the Revolutionary Junta's decrees, and extended Junta President Betancourt's powers until new elections are held.
4. ARGENTINA: Bolivian Ambassador unaware of Argentine pressure--US Charge Buenos Aires reports that the Bolivian Ambassador to Argentina (a) is unaware of "any Argentine pressure designed to secure Bolivian acceptance of a trade treaty and customs union," but (b) believes a Bolivian commitment to deliver to Argentina 300 tons of tin monthly would "very considerably" ease Bolivia's food imports problem.

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